Australian Bureau of Statistics

# 1345.4 - SA Stats, July 2010

ARCHIVED ISSUE Released at 11:30 AM (CANBERRA TIME) 27/07/2010

**MEDIA RELEASE**

July 27, 2010 Embargoed: 11.30 am (AEST) 90/2010

## Over three quarters of SA children have access to the internet: ABS

Over three quarters (79%) of SA children have access to the internet, 69% of these children had access at home and 71% had access at school, according to a report released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Less than half of the children that accessed the internet at home used the internet for 2 hours or less per week, while about 18% accessed the internet for more than 10 hours each week. Furthermore, the likelihood of children using the internet at home increased with age.

Children's use of the internet at home was predominantly for educational activities, playing games, general web browsing and communication (email and instant messaging). Of the children who used the internet for chat rooms, forums or instant messaging, nearly three quarters (71%) were aged 12-14 years, with more girls engaged in these activities than boys (55% and 45% respectively).

A little over half (54%) of households in SA reported having broadband connection in 2008-09, the second lowest of all states and territories and well below the national average of 62%.

### Mobile phones

In April 2009, less than a third (31%) of SA children aged 5-14 years owned a mobile phone, the same as the national proportion. Two thirds (66%) of children in SA with a mobile phone mainly used it to contact family, whilst most of the remaining child population used their mobile phone mainly to contact friends.

Households were generally aware of the risks associated with children using these technologies and 90% or more took precautions such as educating and supervising their child.

The full article and SA specific updates on Demography, Labour Force and Construction can be found in the July edition of SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4) available for free download on the ABS website.

**Media note:**
When reporting ABS data the Australian Bureau of Statistics (or the ABS) must be attributed as the source.

---

This page last updated 30 August 2010

© Commonwealth of Australia

All data and other material produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) constitutes Commonwealth copyright administered by the ABS. The ABS reserves the right to set out the terms and conditions for the use of such material. Unless otherwise noted, all material on this website – except the ABS

logo, the Commonwealth Coat of Arms, and any material protected by a trade mark – is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 2.5 Australia licence